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SUBJECT: JANUARY 26 LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON FROM PRESIDENT
LON NOL

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1. TRANSMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IS THE
EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A LETTER IN FRENCH FROM
PRESIDENT LON NOL TO PRESIDENT NIXON DESCRIBING THE SITUA-
TION IN CAMBODIA ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE
PARIS ACCORDS. THIS LETTER WAS DRAFTED BEFORE LON NOL
RECEIVED PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL, TO
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HE IS PREPARING A SEPARATE RESPONSE.
THE ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER WILL BE POUCHED WHEN RECEIVED.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MR PRESIDENT, IN THE NAME OF THE KHMER
PEOPLE, WHO STRUGGLE AGAINST INDOCHINESE COMMUNISM LED
AND ORGANIZED BY NORTH VIET NAM, AND ON MY OWN PART, I
THANK YOU AND YOUR GREAT PEOPLE FOR HAVING RESOLUTELY AND
FRATERNALLY AIDED OUR COUNTRY TO RESIST THIS SAVAGE AG-
GRESSION.

3. AT THIS HOUR, WHATEVER MUGHT BE THE DETERMINATION OF
THIS ENEMY TO VANQUISH US IN THE DRY SEASON, KHMER HAVING
FOUGHT IN THEIR RANKS ARE RETURNING IN GREATER AND GREPZER
NUMBERS TO THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FIGHT AT OUR SIDE,
ABOUT 2,000 MEN IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. AMOUNG THEM ARE
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SOME TRAINED IN HANOI SINCE 1954 AND THERE ARE INTELLEC-
TUALS SUCH AS EX-DOCTORS, EX-PROFESSORS, POLITICAL AND
MILITARY COMMISSARS AND MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE FOUGHT
FOR YEARS IN THEIR RANKS.

4. THE OPINIONS OF THESE RETURNEES TO THE COMMUNITY ARE IN GENERAL AS FOLLOWS: (1) WE HAVE BEEN FOLLED, MISLED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, THERE ARE NO AMERICANS: WE ARE FIGHTING ONLY AGAINST KHMER REPUBLICANS, OUR OWN BROTHERS; (2) AS DURING THE LAST 400 YEARS, GENOCIDE CONTINUES AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUE TO DESTROY THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN EVERY WAY AS THEY DID TO CHAMPA; (3) THE KHMER NATION IS BUDDHIST; WE DO NOT WISH TO DESTROY AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REQUIRE US TO DO; (4) THE REPUBLICAN KHMER IS BRAVE; WITHOUT EXPERIENCE, WITHOUT RESPITE AND WITHOUT ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS, HE HAS FOUGHT FOUR YEARS WITHOUT YIELDING; THIS DECISIVE ATTITUDE MERITS OUR ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONAL ARMY; RELIERS IN GENERAL FIGHT WELL IN ADDITION TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN EFFORTS TO INSTRUCT THE PUBLIC ON THE NECESSITY OF FIGHTING INDOCHINESE COMMUNISM LED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE; (5) THE KHMER NATION IS NOT POOR LIKE TONKIN, KHMER HAVE NO REASON TO BECOME COMMUNISTS WHICH AMOUNTS TO SUBMITTING TO AGGRESSION AND DICTATORSHIP AND WHICH ALSO AMOUNTS TO RECOGNIZING A NORTH VIETNAMESE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES FREELY ON OUR SOIL, TO EXPLOIT OUR RESOURCES AND THEN TO CARRY THE WAR TO NEIGHBORING NATIONS BEFORE EXTENDING COMMUNIST EXPANSIONISM TO ALL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE RALLIERS, THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE IS MORE THAN EVER DETERMINED TO THWART THE ENEMY. AT THIS MOMENT COURSES IN POLITICAL WARFARE, IN DEFENSE AND IN DEVELOPMENT ARE BEING FORMED EVERYWHERE, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS THAT THE ENEMY IS EXPERIENCING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULTIES TO THE POINT OF MAKING SERIOUS POLITICAL ERRORS BY BOMBARDING WANTONLY ALL OF PHNOM PENH WITH ROCKETS AND CANNONS, WHICH IS QUITE THE OPPOSITE OF PEOPLE'S WARFARE WHICH IS DESIGNED TO WIN OVER THE POPULATION.

6. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS MORE AND MORE UNREEST AS WELL IN THE REGION TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY.
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THERE IS DISSENSION, WHILE THERE ARE MORE AND MORE RALLIERS TO THE REPUBLIC. PRISONERS AND RALLIERS REPORT THAT THERE ARE FREQUENTLY DESERTERS AMONG THE TROOPS THAT THE ENEMY SENDS INTO COMBAT.

7. IN ADDITION THERE ARE KHMER YOUTH WHO ARE AFFIRMING THEIR UNSHAKEABLE WILL TO FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY AGAINST INDOCHINESE COMMUNISM. THIS IS AN OPEN DETERMINATION AND A RECONFIRMATION OF OUR NATIONAL DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TO THE FINISH AGAINST THE INVADER AND HIS PRODUCTS.

8. EXCELLENCY, SINCE JANUARY 27, 1973, THE DATE OF THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS CEASEFIRE ACCORDS, WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE APPLICATION OF THAT AGREEMENT: JANUARY 27, 1973 - OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE ACCORDS; JANUARY 28, 1973 - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNILATERAL SUSPENSION OF OFFENSIVE ACTIONS AS OF 0700 HOURS ON JANUARY 29; 1973 - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SIX-POINT PROPOSAL; DECEMBER 1, 1973 - A REITERATION OF OUR SIX-POINT PROPOSAL AT TAKHMAU. DURING THIS TIME, THE ENEMY HAS CONTINUED TO VIOLATE THE ACCORDS; 12,075 INCIDENTS CONSISTING OF 8,207 HARASSMENTS, 3,594 ATTACKS, 274 INCIDENTS OF VARIOUS SORTS.

9. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WHO ARE STILL IN OUR COUNTRY TO RUN THINGS NUMBER 25,000 MEN WITH LARGE UNITS SUCH AS THE C-40 DIVISION, THE B-3, THE FIRST DIVISION, A GREAT PART
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OF THE NINTH DIVISION. I PROVIDED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DOOLIN WITH A NOTATED MAP DURING HIS VISIT TO PHNOM PENH. RECENTLY ON JANUARY 4, 1974 OUR FORCES AT SVAY RIENG KILLED 7 NORTH VIETNAMESE, ELEMENTS OF THE 320TH NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIMENT. I GAVE PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS OF THIS EVENT TO MR. DOOLIN ALSO.*

10. EXCELLENCY, I APPEAL TO YOU TO ALERT ONCE MORE THE WORLD SO THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL WITHDRAW AS STIPULATED IN THE PARIS ACCORDS. I THINK IT WOULD ALSO BE WELL TO TAKE THIS MATTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

11. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE THE AFFECTIONATE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. PHNOM PENH, JANUARY 26, 1974. SIGNED LON NOL. END TEXT.

12. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO

THE WHITE HOUSE.
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